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Mr. Harry B. Mitchell
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Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 31 October on the subject of the Federal Employee Loyalty Program.

Our own security requirements have made it necessary that we investigate each employee and prospective employee of this agency much more fully than the provisions of Executive Order 9835 require. No individual is employed or retained on our rolls who does not meet the very highest of loyalty and security standards. Qualifications in this respect are established by a very detailed investigation of the complete past history of each individual concerned through the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other government departments and agencies. No new employee is permitted to enter on duty with this agency until completely cleared for security in this manner.

For the above reason this agency has not initiated any action under the provision of Executive Order 9835.

Sincerely,

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Director of Central Intelligence